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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BOHLKE: This is supposed to continue to raise the bar. This is supposed to continue to get them to improve quality education. It's not supposed to be easy. It's to look at this and say this is something we can do and here are some ways that we can, that actually push schools towards improving in the areas of those programs and then gives them some money to continue to use that for innovative programs that they see is important to their district. And I think that's something else very important. It really for the first time says to schools, you just have a great deal of freedom. If you are proving at your local board of education you're making good decisions, then you're going to get this money for those students.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR BOHLKE: And we are going to require lengthy reports, lengthy applications. We're going to give those boards of education the time or the...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR BOHLKE: ...ability to make those decisions at the local level.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Mr. Clerk, any items for the record?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Suttle amendments to LB 1035; Senator Hilgert to LB 395. General Affairs reports LB 1182 to General File with amendments. Enrollment and Review, LB 204A, LB 1053A, LB 1134A to Select File. New A bill, Senator Hilgert offers LB 1171A. (Read by title for the first time.) Revenue Committee will have an Executive Session at 1:30 in Room 2022. And Senator Bruning would like to add his name to LB 204; Senator Lynch, to LB 1189. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (See pages 870-78 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Any personal announcements you'd like to make at this time?